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ASSOCIATED WITH  
FIBROSTENOSING DISEASE IN  
PATIENTS WITH CROHN'S DISEASE

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2008, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, a Request to correct inventorship under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b), and a copy of a Declaration of Kent D. Taylor under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 accompany the present response.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.